by a multinational company to its principals at a price of Rs. 120/- per kg. Fob. According to the information furnished by the Basic Chemicals, pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics Exoprt Promotion Council, Bombay ,approximate Fob price of Trimethoprim is US $ 30 per kg. and the raw materials cost in domestic production is about US $ 20.22 per kg.

Confiscated arms lying with Punjab Government

1910. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of confiscated arms of different types lying with the Punjab Government as on date;

(b) what is the number of weapons of different types that have been confiscated by the Government of Punjab since 1984;

(c) what is the number of persons who have been allotted different types of confiscated weapons in Punjab since 1984 and the reasons for the allotment;

(d) what are the names of persons who made request for allotment of confiscated weapons and of those whose request have been rejected or pending since 1984 and the reasons therefor including social status of applicants;

(e) what are the prices of different types of weapons confiscated by the Punjab Government; and

(f) what is the policy of Government in respect of allotment of confiscated weapons of 'P' Bore and 'N.P.' Bore types?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Annexure enclosed. [See Appendix CLI, annexure No. 1134].

(c) to (f). Information about weapons allotted or cases pending for allotment or cases rejected and the reasons therefor, the assessed value of confiscated weapons, etc., should be available with the State Government as the matter lies within their jurisdicion. In so far as the policy in regard to allotment of confiscated prohibited/non-prohibited bore weapons to individuals is concerned it may be stated that the Central Government have not framed any guidelines on the subject.

Erosion of coastal area in the Sundarbans Gangetic Delta

1911. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unabated coastal erosion is taking place particularly in the Sundarbans Gangetic delta; and

(b) if so, what efforts are being made to prevent this coastal erosion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The State Government has undertaken anti-sea erosion works like brick block and laterite stone pitching and construction of retired embankements in vulnerable reaches.

Import of duty free inputs for shipyards

1912. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to allow import of duty free inputs to shipyards and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Shipyards engaged in manufacturing ships going be-